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We're Movin' Up!

Laurentian reaches top ten in Maclean's 2007 rankings

Alex Taylor
Editor in Chief
with information from
Laurentian University and
Maclean's

Laurentian University has moved up in the rankings in Maclean's university issue, from 16th place in 2006 to 10th place out of 21 primarily undergraduate universities for 2007.

Laurentian ranked highly in the "Total research dollars per Faculty Member" category in Maclean's, placing second out of 21 primarily undergraduate universities. LU also maintained its fourth place ranking for scholarships and bursaries and library acquisitions.

"We're delighted that Laurentian University is being recognized nationally among the top ten schools for undergraduate work," said Laurentian University

President, Dr. Judith Woodsworth, "With 38.6 million dollars in research funding, we were recently ranked #1 for growth in research funding. Our School of Education and other new facilities are under construction, enrolment is high, and we're adding new staff and researchers. Laurentian's an exciting place to be in 2007."

The ranking process began in the spring when thousands of reputational surveys were sent to university officials, high-school principals and guidance counsellors, heads of organizations, CEOs and corporate recruiters across the country, asking for their views on quality and innovation at Canadian universities. During the course of the summer, Maclean's collected information on dozens of student and faculty awards from 45 administering agencies.

Respondents were asked

to rate Canada's universities in three categories: Highest Quality, Most Innovative, and Leaders of Tomorrow. Best Overall represents the sum of the scores for all three categories. The survey form reminds participants that Maclean's does not expect them to be familiar with every university, and that we are asking them to provide their views only on those universities about which they have an informed opinion.

Maclean's places universities in one of three categories, recognizing the differences in types of institutions, levels of research funding, the diversity of offerings, and the range of graduate and professional programs.

Primarily Undergraduate universities are largely focused on undergraduate education, with relatively few graduate programs.

Last year, eleven Canadian universities - including the University of

Toronto and McMaster University - sent a joint letter to Maclean's saying they will not provide any data for the popular but controversial ranking of universities. Due to this protest, the magazine's editors decided to use publicly available information to produce this year's university issue.

Laurentian University participates in Common University Data Ontario (CUDO), a wide spectrum of comprehensive, robust and accurate information prepared by each Ontario University that provides key measures for the public and especially for students and parents trying to make decisions. CUDO includes information such as:

- degrees awarded, student enrolment and entering averages - all by program;
- student satisfaction;
- first-year tuition and ancillary fees by program;

- number of teaching faculty;
- undergraduate class size, by year level;
- research awards granted; and
- graduation rates and employment rates by program.

Laurentian's next challenge is earning the trust and pride of the students who attend the institution. According to student polls on the Maclean's website, Laurentian ranks 21st in a poll that asks how students would evaluate their entire educational experience. 24% of first year students rated it as "Excellent" any only 20% of senior students made the same choice.

With the positive changes happening at the university, Laurentian is well on its way to becoming a top contender for research dollars and world class education.

Let's get Lost

Matt Moskal
Arts & Entertainment Editor

"We'll all be lost by Sunday," promised the Rubes on Thursday the 8th of November as the trio fulfill their duty of kicking off the 5th annual Lost Weekend.

With a single microphone and various implements of musical fusion at their disposal the Sudbury natives made their stay onstage a pleasurable one. Each band member plucked, bowed, strummed, picked and harmonized away at such tracks as "Hey Rube" (a tribute to the late Hunter S. Thompson) and "Caroline" as the bar filled catered to an intimate sized gathering of patrons.

The chemistry of the group was enjoyable both during and between songs as their microphone picked up even the quietest of whispers between band members. There were no secrets between the band and the audience, which worked in creating an inviting atmosphere for the country/bluegrass/rockabilly outfit.

With a twang, the Lost Weekend began.

Continuing in the tradition of big name headliners this year was quite possibly the most astounding name to be added to the Lost Weekend line-up yet: The Sadies. The brothers Good along with Sean Dean and Mike Belitsky hit the Townhouse stage mercilessly with their brand of alternative country/blues/surf/rock with almost a decade's worth of material. Having released a 2-disc live album last year, local fans had already been teased enough with the very concept of a live Sadies performance. And with the

release of New Seasons on October 2nd, the band would have the pleasure of firing off new material into the hungry Sudbury audience.

With new material like "The Trial" sounding near haunting, and even shorter tracks like "16 Mile Creek" taking audience members along on the strange journey that is a live show by one of Canada's most entertaining live bands today, disappointment wasn't even close to synonymous with this show.

Opening for the Sadies were Hamilton, Ontario's Young Rival. The band formerly known as The Ride Theory have been travelling with the Sadies to the furthest reaches of Canada for their fall tour.

The group made their return to the Townhouse to a more than gracious applause as they let loose with a surprising amount of new material. "415" stood out as a gem amongst many 90s alternative and 60s rock inspired tunes revealed to the audience on hand.

Kicking off both Saturday's and Sunday's festivities was The Wildbirds. Their first show eased in the crowd for the over the top antics of White Cowbell Oklahoma, while their second performance came as a result of van troubles the prior night.

In terms of presentation, The Wildbirds looked like they were having more fun than the audience at times. Nicholas Stuart's grin was hard to ignore as the group unleashed a variety of tracks off their debut album Golden Daze. Tracks like "421 (Everybody Loves You)" and "Suzanna" kept the room alive through the sweaty American rock and roll inspired by Tom Petty's school of song writing.



Matt Moskal / Lambda

The Sadies perform a unique blend of alternative country/blues/surf/rock at the Townhouse during the 5th annual Lost Weekend.

Following the Wisconsin natives were Toronto's White Cowbell Oklahoma, who, as always, went above and beyond the call of duty for stage theatrics. After a short introduction from the man known as Sheriff R.F. Horton, the band put their multi-guitar attack on the Townhouse into full force.

The performance resembled the decibel level of a KISS concert combined with the southern practicalities Lynyrd Skynyrd and the fashion sense of Boss Hog, Johnny Cash and just touch of Broken Lizard's Super Troopers. There was not a moment of peace and quiet as the band promised "deep fried Southern Rock" with a helping of bluesy guitar riffs.

Crowd members joined in on sing along number "Put the South in Your Mouth", (which made

Big and Rich's "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy" sound like children's music) and felt watched as the four guitar assault let loose on tracks like "Black Mountain Top", and "Get On, Get Down" from their latest disc Casa Diablo. South met the North pretty damn hard.

On the final night, patrons got completely lost in the heavily distorted guitars and hammering drums of the Signed by Force showcase featuring Trigger Effect and Bionic.

Trigger Effect's brand of hardcore punk set a harder tone for the evening after the return of The Wildbirds earlier in the night. Showing off tracks from their latest release Dare to Ride the Heliocraft, the stage was ablaze with raw and gritty guitar riffs and squeals accompanied by

the rasping aggressive vocals of Nick Babeu. The crew were more than willing to create a devastating war zone out of the Townhouse but opted to let Bionic hit the stage before any plans for complete destruction were in put into full swing.

Closing off the Lost Weekend were Bionic, label mates to Trigger Effect and compatriots on their latest tour. The foursome wasted no time in unleashing new material from their latest LP Black Blood, which boasts a hard rocking suite of punk, metal and rock infused together in a blender filled with barbed wire. Their live show left a powerful ringing in audience member's ears that seemed to signify that they could all go back to their normal lives as the Lost Weekend had come to a close.

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Procrastinatron: Destroyer of Averages

...but I'm kicking ass at Counterstrike and Call of Duty...



Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

Crunch time. I know how it is. Didn't I predict this in my last editorial? Middle of November shows up and all of a sudden everything is due in a week. Oops.

Lots of good news stories here at Laurentian this week. I knew it all along, but we've got a pretty great school here. Not perfect, I know, I know. Pretty great though. The only improvement I can come up with at this point is that I wish we had cranberry juice in the water fountains. Heaven?

I'm not going to lie, my assignment load isn't unbearable this year but I can definitely understand the stress.

It's past midnight and I'm still working on the paper, that should get me some slacker cred, right? Please? Kudos to all those people who got work done over reading week. Consider me impressed. I didn't do any homework. I went to Korea. Korea! I made a promise to myself and to my friend who I was visiting that I was going to take a week off and really relax, enjoy the trip. It worked out amazingly well and I had a great time but a little tiny part of me is questioning whether I should have taken advantage of the 30+ hours in the air to read Marx's *Capital*.

In my defence, no one else on the plane was doing homework either. Honestly.

My trip was absolutely amazing for a million reasons and I love South Korea and can't wait to go back. I think



the most important thing that I learned though, besides the fact that no one in Korea weighs more than 120 pounds, is that the world isn't as big as it seems.

Don't get me wrong, the world is gigantic, but I can remember a million times that I sat in my room staring at the world map and thinking about all the places that I'd never get to see because they were so far away. I've always been a traveler but there were some places that just intimidated me too much to even consider. However, now that I've been to the other side of the planet, suddenly nothing seems impossible. My parents laughed at me (jerks) when I emailed them from Korea and wrote "the world, as they say, is my oyster". Suddenly it feels like all those things I thought I couldn't do are

available and possible and non terrifying. I'm not just talking about traveling either, although that's certainly fantastic. What I mean is that for a lot of us, I think there's ideas and places and things that we want to try but we feel like we're not good enough, we're too young, we're not ready.

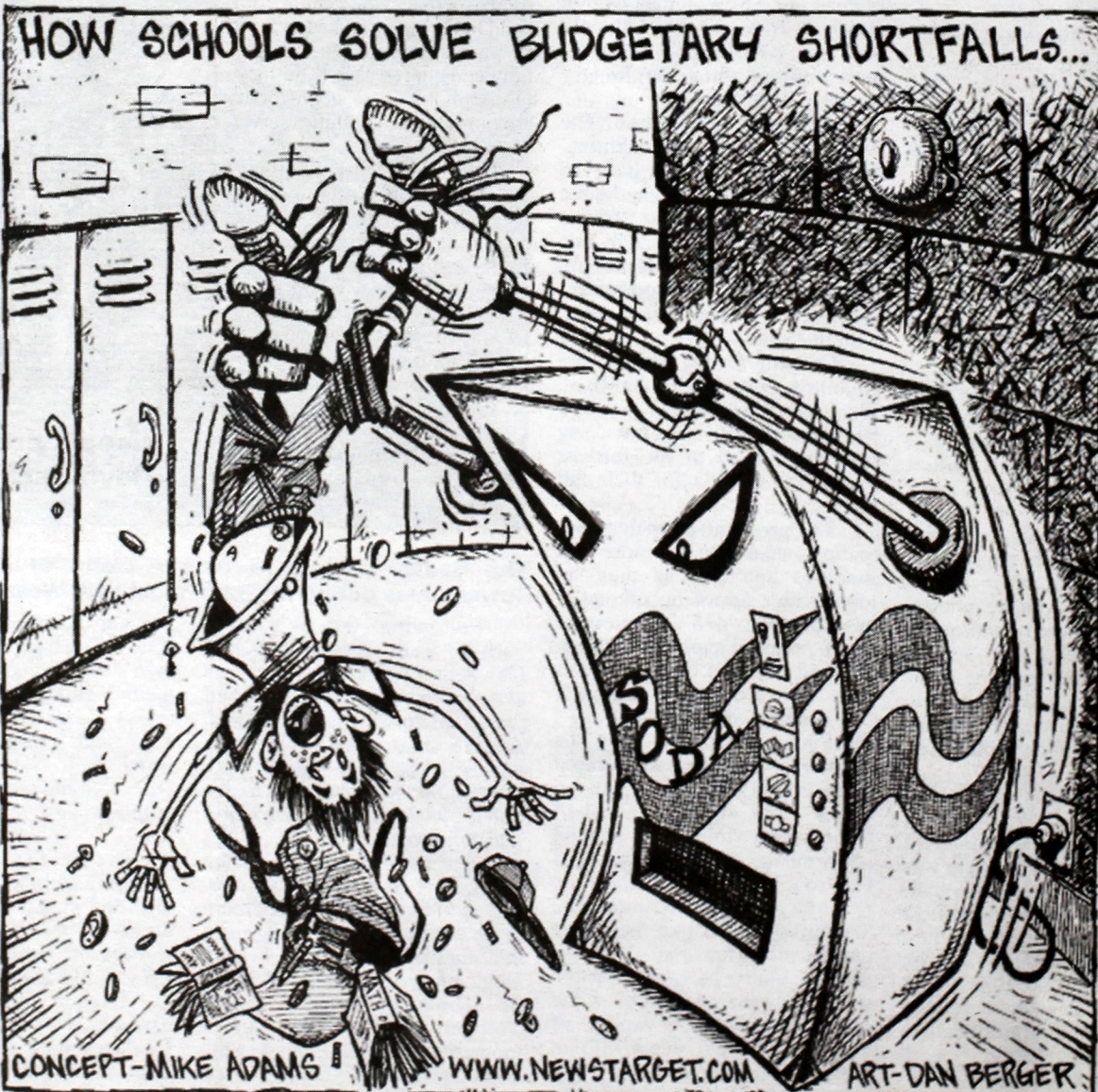
You ARE ready. You've never been more ready. If you can think about it, you're halfway there already. We all spend so much time telling ourselves what we *can't* do, we forget that all it means is that we haven't done it yet.

Therefore, I beg of you dear friends and partners in crime, stop psyching yourself out. You're completely brilliant. I promise.

Provider of crosswords,
-Alex



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Laurentian ranked # 1 in Canada for research income growth

Sudbury (Ontario) – Laurentian University is the # 1 Canadian University in research income growth for 2006.

According to RESEARCH Infosource, which ranks Canada's Top 50 Research Universities each year, research funding at Laurentian grew by 133 per cent from 2005 to 2006. In dollar terms, Laurentian received \$38.6 million in sponsored research funding in 2006; in 2005, it had received \$16.6 million.

"While the university makes its way from a mainly undergraduate university to a more comprehensive institution, there is a true sense of renewal and a greater commitment to research," said Liette Vasseur, associate vice-president, research. "Since the creation of the Research, Development and Creativity Office in September, 2004 and the adoption by the senate of a revised and updated strategic research plan, Laurentian's research capacities have increased by building on existing strengths. Our researchers and graduate students are contributing more than ever to the development of new discoveries that will have a lasting impact on the region and its economy."

Laurentian University's research strategic plan defines five equally important areas of research, essential to the university's mandate: 1) mineral resource science and engineering; 2) environmental sciences; 3) regional economic, political, social and cultural development; 4) health focus and 5) underground sciences. In all of these areas, the emphasis is on both fundamental and applied, problem-solving research undertaken in close cooperation with industrial and public-sector partners in the region.

Laurentian currently ranks 26th overall among Canada's Top 50 Research Universities, an impressive five-position jump compared to 2005, where it was ranked 31.

Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2007 and Research Universities of the Year 2007 and analysis are available on the Research Infosource website: www.researchinfosource.com.

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Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2007

Rank		University	Sponsored Research Income			Full-time Faculty**	Research Intensity	Province
2006	2005		FY2006 \$000	FY2005 \$000	% Change 2005-2006	2005-2006 #	\$ per Full-time Faculty \$000	
1	1	University of Toronto* ++	\$763,541	\$708,642	7.7	2,361	\$323.4	Ontario
2	2	Université de Montréal*	\$447,158	\$429,286	4.2	1,887	\$237.0	Quebec
3	5	University of British Columbia*	\$421,993	\$359,544	17.4	2,127	\$198.4	British Columbia
4	3	McGill University*	\$397,136	\$423,051	-6.1	1,533	\$259.1	Quebec
5	4	University of Alberta*	\$382,810	\$396,867	-3.5	1,518	\$252.2	Alberta
6	6	McMaster University*	\$331,575	\$344,979	-3.9	1,140	\$290.9	Ontario
7	7	University of Calgary*	\$262,215	\$271,513	-3.4	1,425	\$184.0	Alberta
8	9	Université Laval*	\$258,948	\$231,097	12.1	1,353	\$191.4	Quebec
9	8	University of Ottawa*	\$244,003	\$238,370	2.4	1,020	\$239.2	Ontario
10	10	University of Western Ontario*	\$225,946	\$179,883	25.6	1,302	\$173.5	Ontario
11	11	Queen's University*	\$173,696	\$155,512	11.7	792	\$219.3	Ontario
12	13	University of Guelph	\$149,640	\$125,885	18.9	783	\$191.1	Ontario
13	12	University of Manitoba*	\$139,646	\$146,699	-4.8	1,188	\$117.5	Manitoba
14	14	University of Waterloo	\$127,472	\$117,298	8.7	909	\$140.2	Ontario
15	16	Dalhousie University*	\$106,895	\$105,332	1.5	987	\$108.3	Nova Scotia
16	15	University of Saskatchewan*	\$106,887	\$110,412	-3.2	1,041	\$102.7	Saskatchewan
17	19	University of Victoria	\$100,030	\$71,333	40.2	672	\$148.9	British Columbia
18	17	Université de Sherbrooke*	\$85,938	\$85,452	0.6	894	\$96.1	Quebec
19	21	Memorial University of Newfoundland*	\$77,189	\$61,472	25.6	855	\$90.3	Newfoundland
20	18	Carleton University	\$74,086	\$72,040	2.8	660	\$112.3	Ontario
21	22	Simon Fraser University	\$69,013	\$59,503	16.0	726	\$95.1	British Columbia
22	20	Université du Québec à Montréal	\$66,331	\$62,361	6.4	981	\$67.6	Quebec
23	23	York University	\$54,990	\$49,117	12.0	1,299	\$42.3	Ontario
24	24	Institut national de la recherche scientifique+	\$44,585	\$41,392	7.7	156	\$285.8	Quebec
25	25	University of New Brunswick	\$44,030	\$38,677	13.8	558	\$78.9	New Brunswick
26	31	Laurentian University*	\$38,572	\$16,554	133.0	408	\$94.5	Ontario
27	26	Concordia University	\$36,361	\$37,056	-1.9	804	\$45.2	Quebec
28	28	University of Windsor	\$26,018	\$24,118	7.9	495	\$52.6	Ontario
29	36	École de technologie supérieure+	\$24,671	\$11,973	106.1	150	\$164.5	Quebec
30	27	University of Regina	\$22,901	\$24,998	-8.4	390	\$58.7	Saskatchewan

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Laurentian president raises nearly \$900 in Wheelchair Challenge

Some students suggest 'a few hours' is not enough

Alex Taylor
Editor in Chief
with information from university press release

Laurentian University president raises nearly \$900 in Wheelchair Challenge

Laurentian's President participated last week in the Great Wheelchair Challenge here in Sudbury, raising almost \$900 for the Independent Living Resource Centre. The ILRC's main goal is to provide services for people living with disabilities in Greater Sudbury.

The Great Wheelchair Challenge, organized by the Sudbury ILRC, encourages members of the community to spend a day or half day using a wheelchair and raise a minimum of \$200 before December 3, 2007. Local businesses provide participants with the wheelchairs, and arrangements are made with you to spend time at work.

The Independent Living

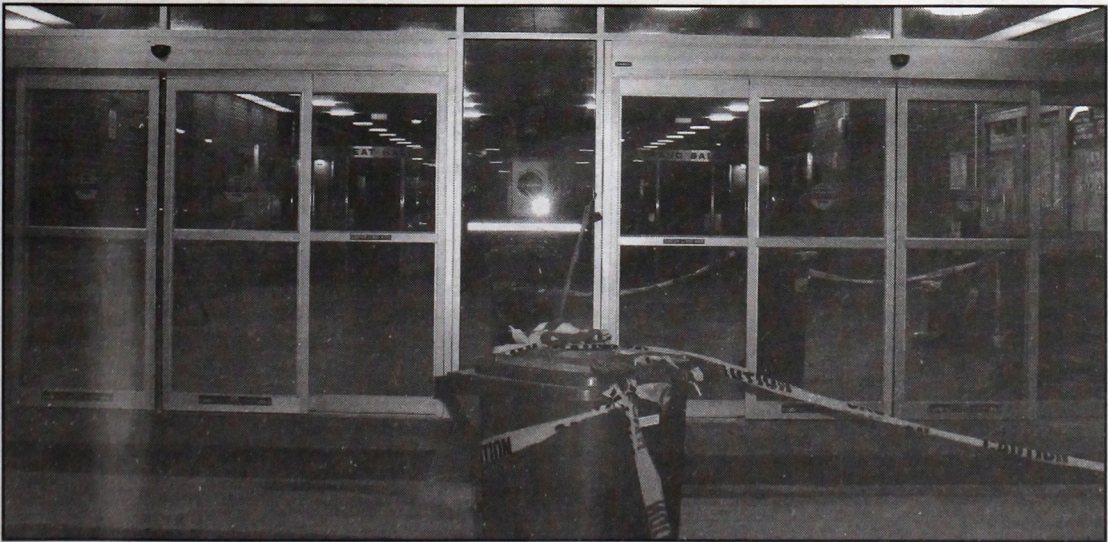
Resource Centre (ILRC), which services Sudbury and Manitoulin, is a community-based, non-profit organization that is controlled by and for persons with disabilities. It is associated with 24 other Centres across Canada through the Canadian Association of Independent Living Resource Centres (CAILC).Sudbury's ILRC has provided programs and services to persons with disabilities since 2003.

Woodsworth used the day to travel around campus in a wheelchair in an attempt to understand and examine the experiences that students and members of the Laurentian community go through on a daily basis. "Spending a few hours getting around in a wheelchair when you are not used to it is an educational experience," said Dr. Woodsworth. "Simple things such as opening doors, making your way through a crowd or rolling up a ramp become challenges. I invite all members of our community to support this initiative."

Some students criticized the day, suggesting that Woodsworth's 'wheelchair tour' would likely be organized to avoid the problem areas on campus. Many considered this little more than a photo op in a university with outdated accessibility services.

The Wheelchair Challenge also marked the beginning of a variety of construction projects on campus, including automatic sliding doors outside the Great Hall and in the bowling alley. At press time, construction continued and the doors seemed to be fully functioning. However, more than one student during the week noted that during construction, the old door sensors were disconnected, forcing students to ask for help or find alternate routes into the Classroom or Parker buildings.

Lambda will be investigating accessibility on campus in a feature set to be released in the November 29th issue.



Alex Taylor / Lambda

Construction continues on the automatic doors outside the Great Hall.

Top 10 Universities by Growth			
2006 Rank		University	% Change 2005-2006
Income Growth	Overall		
1	26	Laurentian University*	133.0
2	29	École de technologie supérieure+	106.1
3	34	University of Northern British Columbia	90.2
4	32	Trent University	80.8
5	47	Saint Mary's University	43.6
6	17	University of Victoria	40.2
7	38	University of Prince Edward Island	30.1
8	10	University of Western Ontario*	25.6
9	19	Memorial University of Newfoundland*	25.6
10	46	Nova Scotia Agricultural College+	23.8

*Has a medical school
+Not a full-service university Apparent ties due to rounding

Creation of an International research centre on law and human rights

Sudbury (Ontario) – The Laurentian University senate approved the creation of and international research centre on law and human rights at Laurentian University: **Centre international de recherche interdisciplinaire sur le droit (CIRID)**.

"This centre will be an important tool in facilitating Laurentian University's access to the international Francophone university community," said Dr. Henri Pallard, professor of law and justice and director of CIRID. "The new centre will promote research, along with student and faculty exchange within the international French community, and enhance the reputation of our university."

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Alumni Recognition Awards to honour three exceptional community leaders

The Laurentian University Alumni Association is proud to announce the recipients of the second annual Laurentian Alumni Recognition Awards. Pierre Bélanger, Sandra McMillan and William Lemieux will be honoured at a dinner on November 22, 2007, at Bryston's on the Park.

"Since 1960, nearly 36,000 students have graduated from this university and many more will join the Laurentian alumni family in coming years," said Dr. Judith Woodsworth, president. "These alumni awards give us the opportunity to celebrate the important contributions to society of our ever-growing Laurentian alumni family. We are very proud of them."

All members of the community are welcome to attend the Laurentian Alumni Recognition Awards dinner. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by contacting the Alumni Relations Office at (705) 675-4818 or at alumni@laurentian.ca.

The 2007 recipients

Pierre Bélanger (BA 1969, doctor of laws 2007) winner of the Alumni Award of Distinction is a well-known and highly respected entrepreneur in northeastern Ontario and northwestern Quebec. He has devoted

much of his life to the regions' economic development, education and environment. In the early 1970s, he co-founded the Coopérative des artistes du Nouvel-Ontario (CANO), the major driving force behind the artistic and political birth of Franco-Ontario. Bélanger was also the founding director of the Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario (TNO). Around the same time, Pierre Bélanger inaugurated one of the first bison ranches in Ontario, Bisons du Nord Ontario Inc. His meat products are reputed and highly appreciated by the fine gourmets of the region and beyond. Pierre Bélanger is the owner of a flourishing recreational vehicle trade business that has contributed in its early days to the success of the famous Boler Trailer Factory. Between 1983 and 2002, he was owner of the Earlton Zoo, a major tourist attraction in Ontario. In October 2005, Pierre Bélanger was named president of the Board of administrators of the Réseau de

développement économique et d'employabilité du Canada (RDÉE Canada) and copresident of the Comité national de développement économique et d'employabilité. Laurentian University awarded him an honorary doctorate of laws in 2007.

In recognition of Pierre Bélanger's outstanding achievements and the pride he brings to Laurentian University, the Alumni Association will make a donation of \$750 in his name to a student in the Arts d'Expression program at Laurentian University.

The Alumni Young Leader Award recognizes the accomplishments of a Laurentian graduate under the age of 40. This year's Young Leader Award recipient is **Sandra McMillan** (BA Music 2001). Born in Sudbury in 1978, Sandra McMillan teaches music to students with learning disabilities at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

While studying music at Laurentian, she assembled and directed a small wind ensemble. No Strings Attached Community Band is today made up of 40 amateur musicians from Sudbury and the region and enriches the city's cultural and community life as a whole. The ensemble has participated in many charity concerts in Sudbury, including the Elgin Street Mission, the Samaritan Centre and the Tsunami disaster in 2005. As the official spokesperson of the coalition "Laurentian Music Matter", she played an important role in the successful transfer of Huntington's music program to Laurentian University in 2004. Sandra McMillan regularly speaks about the importance of music in the community as well as encourages amateur musicians to further their music education at Laurentian University.

The Alumni Association will make a donation of \$250 in the name of Sandra McMillan to a

funding priority of her choice at Laurentian University.

William Lemieux (BA Music 2007) is currently studying to become a teacher at Laurentian University's École des sciences de l'éducation. He is the recipient of the 2007 Student Recognition Award, given to a current student for his academic achievements and involvement in and outside of the university community. In his native town of St-Charles, William has been involved with the parish's choir for seven years. Volunteering in his community brings him a sense of positive contribution and personal satisfaction. Music being his passion, he organizes with a fellow colleague a classical concert each year, to contribute to the vitality of artistic life in the Greater Sudbury region. William Lemieux teaches piano to about 20 children through the musical program of the local French cultural centre Le Carrefour francophone. He believes in musical education in schools for the benefit of future generations. William has been a dean's list scholar at Laurentian for the past four years.

The Laurentian University Alumni Association will make a donation of \$250 in the name of William Lemieux to fund new instruments in the Music Department.

Buy Nothing Day on November 23rd

"A 24 hour moratorium on consumer spending - participate by not participating"

This November, environmentalists, social activists and concerned citizens in as many as 65 countries will hit the streets for a 24-hour consumer fast in celebration of the 15th annual Buy Nothing Day, a global cultural phenomenon that originated in Vancouver, Canada.

Featured in recent years by the likes of CNN, MSNBC, Wired, the BBC, USA Today, The Age and the CBC, the international event has been gaining mainstream momentum as the climate crisis drives average people to seek out greener alternatives to unrestrained consumption.

Timed to coincide with one of the busiest shopping days on the US retail calendar,

as well as the unofficial start of the international holiday-shopping season, Buy Nothing Day has taken many shapes, from relaxed family outings, to free, non-commercial street parties, to politically charged public protests. Anyone can take part provided they spend a day without spending.

In past years, street activists have proven particularly imaginative in their celebrations, bringing zombie marches, credit-card cut-ups, and shopaholic clinics to malls and public squares in an effort to expose the environmental and social consequences of First World over-consumption.

Kalle Lasn is the co-founder of the Adbusters

Media Foundation, the organization responsible for launching Buy Nothing Day as a yearly, global event. He explains that while most participants used to see the day simply as an escape from the marketing mind games and frantic consumerism that have come to characterize modern life, the focus has since shifted in light of the new political mood surrounding climate change.

"So much emphasis," he notes, "has been placed on buying carbon offsets and compact fluorescent light-bulbs and hybrid cars that we are losing sight of the core cause of our environmental problems: we consume far too much."

"Buy Nothing Day isn't just about changing your routine for one day. It's about starting a lasting lifestyle commitment. With over six billion people on the planet, it is the responsibility of the most affluent - the upper 20% that consumes 80% of the world's resources - to set out on a new path."

* The first BND was launched by Adbusters in Vancouver in September 1992, based on an idea by artist Ted Dave, as a day for society to examine the issue of over-consumption.

* In 1997, it was moved to the Friday after American Thanksgiving - "Black Friday" - which is the one of the nation's busiest shopping days. Outside of North America, BND is usually celebrated on the following Saturday.

* Despite controversies, Adbusters managed to adver-

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tise BND on CNN, but many other major TV networks have declined to air the commercials.

* Though the decentralized nature of the event makes it difficult to pin down participation numbers, thousands of activists have held public events in over 65 nations,

including most US states, Canada, the UK, Israel, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, the Netherlands, Norway and India.

Get more information at
adbusters.org

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Northern Ontario well represented at Royal Winter Fair



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Pat Marcotte (left) watches young visitors playing with 'Lambchop' woolen puppets at The Royal Winter Agricultural Fair in Toronto. The Wahnapiatae-based Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education & Marketing Inc. offers an extensive line of clothing, food and health products made from goats to visitors during the 10 day fair, Canada's largest annual indoor exhibition in November. Over 40 organizations and food operations are represented at the Northern Ontario Agri-food Pavilion, supported by FedNor, providing a venue for participants from across the North to exhibit, demonstrate or sell their products.



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Hundreds of students roam the Northern Ontario Agri-food Pavilion completing their class assignments at The Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Catherine Wernhardt, the assistant program coordinator with the Northern Ontario Aquaculture Association, explains the cultivation and farming of fish in the North where 80 percent of Ontario's cage fishing industry can be found.

Local Initiative Aims to Integrate Workers With Global Experience

[SUDBURY, ON] – The Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with MIRARCO, and with the support of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC), have joined forces to engage local employers in an effort to integrate internationally trained professionals.

"Greater Sudbury has expanded its reputation beyond resources. However, the mineral industry still plays a huge role in our economic growth and development," acknowledges Jane Djivré, representing MIRARCO. "Everyone agrees that highly-qualified human resources are scarce. MIRARCO and the Greater Sudbury Chamber hope to become part of the solution through the 'Highly-Skilled Professionals (HSPs) Recruitment Program' for the mineral resources industry."

The Highly-Skilled Professionals Recruitment Program is one of seven projects across the province that will form part of an OCC initiative entitled Global Experience @ Work.

"We're proud to be able to support such a vital community program which clearly has the backing of many valuable part-

ners and puts the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce in a position to be able to further invest in Sudbury," says Len Crispino, President & CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. "Not only does each of these local projects meet a demonstrated need in the community, but they provide the vital link to employers – a link that is imperative if efforts to integrate immigrants with international experience, a segment of our workforce that has gone untapped for far too long, are to be fully realized."

The first phase of the Highly-Skilled Professionals Recruitment Program will be developed with the assistance of a local consultant. Drawing on existing initiatives and known staffing needs, the program will define expedited placement pathways for internationally-trained HSPs based on an educate-train-upgrade-experience model. This initiative will involve participation of education providers, industrial receptor companies, and R&D organizations.

Global Experience @ Work is just part of an OCC strategy to better promote Ontario as a career, business and investment

destination of choice, and to ensure that Ontario keeps pace with a competitive global economy by investing in human capital. It's been reported that by 2011 immigration will account for 100% of Canada's labour force growth, making it essential that employers and immigrants connect.

"If we are to compete globally, we must help immigrants maximize their employment potential and help employers access this growing labour pool," explains Crispino. "We're already facing crippling shortages of skilled workers in Ontario, a shortage that will only get worse as a result of a declining birthrate and increased number of retiring workers."

After a detailed review process, projects were approved in Greater Sudbury, Brampton, Hamilton, Kitchener, Waterloo, Markham, Ottawa, Richmond Hill, and St. Catharines.

Collectively the projects engage 9 local chambers of commerce, and over 80 other community organizations.

Dr. Scott Fairgrieve publishes book on forensic cremation

Sudbury (Ontario) - Dr. Scott Fairgrieve, chair of the department of forensic science at Laurentian University, has recently published *Forensic Cremation - Recovery and Analysis*.

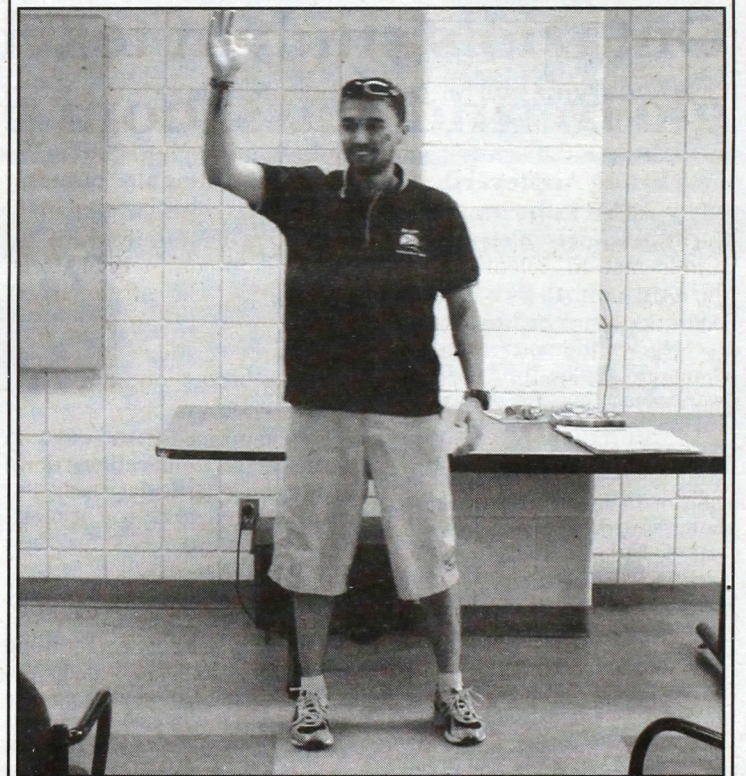
Presenting current research in forensic anthropology in a condensed, useable format, this book provides crucial information on the handling of cremated remains and a methodical approach designed to maximize the potential of the evidence, from the point of its discovery to the end of its analysis.

Beginning with the search and recovery of cremated remains (cremains) and the interpretation of the fire scene, *Forensic Cremation - Recovery and Analysis* summarizes the contexts and challenges that face the professional and introduces a wide range of preservation encountered in a variety of fire contexts. The book discusses the capacity and mechanisms of fire to alter the chemical and physical properties of materials, particularly those of human tissues. It emphasizes a flexible approach to the collection of cremains, taking into consideration the inter-

mixing of the human tissue with the surrounding materials. A significant portion of the book also examines the effects of fire on bone and the ability to determine trauma as peri- or post-mortem. Finally, the book evaluates the practical use of dental tissue and DNA for identification in an investigation.

Dr. Scott Fairgrieve has been a faculty member of Laurentian University since 1991 and is currently the chair of the university's department of forensic science. Dr. Scott Fairgrieve is a forensic anthropology consultant to the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario, through the Northeastern Ontario Regional Forensic Pathology Unit. His research activities focus on the effects of fire on human skeletal tissues at the macroscopic and microscopic levels, particularly using scanning electron microscopy. He is regularly sought out internationally to consult on cases of cremation homicides and has given expert witness testimony both in Canada and the United States for prosecution and defense. *Forensic Cremation - Recovery and Analysis* is his third book, but his first of which he is sole author.

Aussie reps from International Student Volunteers visit Laurentian



Alex Taylor / Lambda

Dave (shown) and Kim from International Student Volunteers made a stop at Laurentian last week on their university tour to promote ISV and share their stories.

ISV states that their purpose is: To create an environment that combines conservation, education, community development and recreation into the ultimate adventure travel program for participants who desire to make a difference by volunteering in communities abroad.

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For more information, visit www.isvonline.com

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
-- Mark Twain

"Wow! You have a Black Belt? Have you ever used it?"

A distinguished colleague of mine, upon learning that I have a black belt, asked me if I had ever used it. The sardonic side of me wished to reply that I use it every day – to hold up my pants.

But he was referring to the fact that I hold the rank of black belt in karate and what he is really asking is if I have ever had to use my karate skills to fight. The short answer to his question is "no". But since the friendly folks at Lambda were kind enough to print this essay, I figure the least I can do is provide the longer, somewhat philosophical answer in order to fill the space provided to me.

I am a passive person. If I found myself in a potentially dangerous situation I would be more likely to negotiate my way out of it, walk away, or better yet, avoid it altogether. So the practical answer to the real question (have I ever used my karate skills in a fight) is still no. However, the real answer to that real question is not that simple.

I started my karate training in my second year as a student here at Laurentian University. As I progressed in my university

studies, I also progressed in the art of karate. While there are great physical benefits to practicing karate, I believe that it is very much an academic pursuit. The personal growth that I experienced during my university years were influenced as much by my time in the dojo as by my time in class. This, in addition to the fact that I train at a university club, means that for me, karate practice and university studies are more tightly intertwined than they would normally be.

With this in mind, I suggest that the black belt, like the university degree, is integral parts of my being. So when my colleague asked if I ever use my black belt the real answer should have been "yes – I use it every day". The same way I use my degree every day.

Another way of looking at the question would be to reverse the two accomplishments; what if my colleague had asked, upon learning that I had a degree, if I ever used it? Would you find that a little odd? When I enter into a conversation with someone I do not decide if I am going to use my degree or not. The skills and knowledge acquired through the acquisition of a degree cannot be

turned on and off like a light switch. The same applies to the skills and knowledge acquired through the acquisition of a black belt.

A degree is much more than an accumulation of knowledge. Comparatively, a black belt is much more than a series of punches and kicks. All our experiences shape the way we see the world. A black belt, like a degree, or another life-changing experience will have an impact on how one carries oneself, how one approaches each day, each challenge, or each relationship.

The influence of karate training, symbolized by the belt colour, permeates all aspects of life. It is visible in the physical fitness of the participant; it can be witnessed in the way they carry themselves, in their posture, and in the way they move. It can be witnessed in the way they interact with others and face life's challenges. The black belt is also made evident in the way that it keeps a karate practitioner's pants held neatly "up".

Charles Fink – B.A., BEd,
Yondan

Celebrating 60 years of being able to say, "I AM CANADIAN!"



Mustafa
Abdulhusein

I know you're probably thinking to yourself, 'oh man, not another multicultural pride article!' Diversity, religious pluralism, ethnic groups ya-da, ya-da, ya-da.

But as a Canadian (or a crazy Canuck, whatever you want to call me), I just wanted to remind everyone that Canada is indeed the best country in the world. Hands down.

We have so much to be proud of – educational opportunities, accessible healthcare, a booming economy and we can't forget multiculturalism. All these factors combine to make our great nation.

Recently, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of citizenship in Canada. To me, it served as a time to be grateful, because there are many people around the world who are not as fortunate as the citizens of this country. So, it's important for us to remember how amazing Canada is all year-round – not just when the fireworks light the Canadian sky in July.

I am first generation Canadian. My parents immigrated here from East Africa in the 1980's. For someone who was born here, I feel that the importance of Canadian citizenship is often overlooked.

'Official' Canadian citizenship only came into effect on January 1st, 1947, when the Canadian Citizenship Act was created. Before that, 'Canadians' were considered simply as British subjects.

Now, I have nothing against the Queen or her people, but it just isn't the same as being a hockey-loving and maple-syrup eating Canadian – especially when I'm travelling.

Whether I'm in Mumbai or Mombasa, there is no better feeling than telling people I'm Canadian. At first, when foreigners hear me speak English, they automatically assume I'm British.

Then, when I explain to them that I'm not British, they ask with a slightly differ-

ent tone, "American?" Again, I correct them, and say "No, I'm a Canadian."

Well, that's pretty much all I have to say. The smile that spreads over their faces is truly amazing to see. Our reputation abroad is one that we can be proud of and I would say, one of the best in the world.

I think it's because we've maintained our status as a peace-loving country that stands up for its beliefs, and most importantly, its people.

I am proud that my country refused to go into Iraq without a UN resolution, and instead, is taking action to rebuild war-torn Afghanistan. Not only that, but our country has been involved in preserving peace and freedom since the time of both World Wars and especially the time of Vimy Ridge. Remembering those who gave up their lives so that we could live free today only adds to our national pride. I'm proud that our government and police force accepts responsibility for their mistakes and apologizes to citizens when they are in the wrong, as was the case with Maher Arar.

Still in doubt about the greatness of Canada?

What about our Charter of Rights and Freedoms that was created to protect the rights of minority groups like Canada's Aboriginal people? Or the work of Canadian Senator Romeo Dallaire who stood up against the genocide in Rwanda? Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau was an illustrious figure, who opened up the borders of Canada for countless people to come to this great land and make their homes.

Canada's Constitution, the rights for women, the right to vote- all of these aspects are essential for our pride in citizenship.

I could write a book on why this country is so great. There are just so many reasons- and citizenship is definitely one of them. Remember, that the beauty of the land and the kindness of the people who live in this country are absolutely unparalleled.

That's why, I am so proud to say,

I AM CANADIAN!

Ontario's student teachers struggle to find classroom placements

Frank Appleyard,
The Fulcrum
(University of Ottawa)

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Ontario's education programs have grown too big for the market and students are having trouble finding work placements for their practical studies.

At the University of Ottawa, students began the practical portion of their studies on Oct. 22, but many found themselves without placements at local schools.

The placements at local schools, known as a practicum, are part of the Faculty of Education's observation week, which allows students to observe teachers in a classroom setting.

The observation time counts as a part of the 40 days of practice teaching mandated by the provincial Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Rebecca Boyce, director for the Teacher Education Students' Association (TESA), estimated that of 1,300 students enrolled in the University of Ottawa's education program, some 300 were without a placement at the start of observation week.

"The issue right now is that not all of the students were placed in time," she said.

"This practicum is a mandatory placement, and not getting one of these limits your ability to complete the program properly."

Timothy Stanley, a vice-dean in the Faculty of Education, said that there were some initial

delays in securing placements for all the student teachers, but eventually all students were accommodated before the end of the observation week.

"We have had some issues, but all of our students currently are placed. We had a number of different issues delaying things this year," he said.

"They range from issues in terms of communications down to matching particular needs. But all of our students ... will be meeting the requirements for their practicum."

The issues facing the University of Ottawa, however, appear to be part of a larger trend across Ontario.

The establishment of private teacher's colleges such as Charles Sturt University's new Ontario campus, and the availability of American-based schools offering practicum placements in Ontario means that public schools are increasingly strained to provide classrooms for student-teachers.

Rodger Beatty, associate dean of education at Brock University, said that competition between schools has made it more difficult to find placements for students.

"The availability of associate teachers creates a great challenge for us especially, and I know many other publicly funded Ontario universities are experiencing the same challenge of finding enough placements for [their] teacher candidates," he said.

Beatty said that Brock has also been tardy in securing placements for its students, but the school has ensured that all of its hopeful teachers were eventually accommodated.

"Sometimes we've had to move [the students] to a location outside of the area that we normally use," Beatty said. "We are diligent in finding a place for them, as sometimes the places do get very tight."

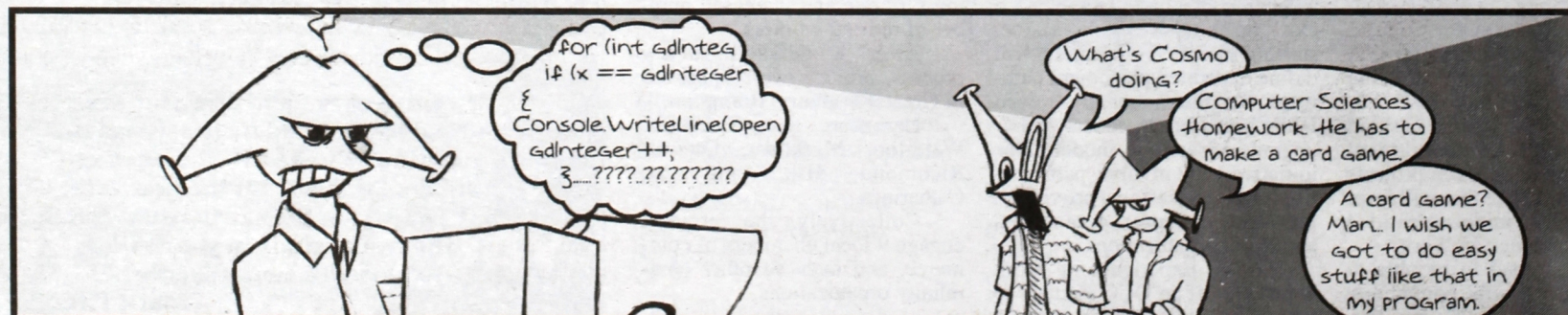
Beatty indicated that the intense competition among teacher's colleges has also forced Brock University to revise its standards when selecting associate teachers for its students.

"We used to have a standard expectation that a teacher would need to have five years of experience before being allowed to receive teacher candidates," he said.

"We've had to [negotiate] in that role in that we now have some teachers that have three years' experience. If we didn't draw upon those teachers with three years' experience, we wouldn't be able to find placements for our teacher candidates."

Boyce said that there are simply too many aspiring teachers for the current education system.

"Teacher education in all universities [has] exploded in enrolment and their admittance, and [it's] basically just flooding the market with student-teachers. The program is just too huge," she said.



Paddy O'Sullivan Exhibition at Sudbury Theatre Centre

Sudbury Theatre Centre is pleased to feature the work of Paddy O'Sullivan, which will be displayed and available for purchase in the STC Artist Gallery from October 18th to November 20th. With subjects ranging from a delicate flower to the expansive cosmos, O'Sullivan's abstract energy paintings often seek to capture nature in its various states.

A native of Timmins, O'Sullivan has lived in Sudbury since 1978. Prior to pursuing a career as an artist, he worked in the Sudbury health care system for over a dozen years and later founded Group Insights Consulting, an international coaching and facilitation organization. Eventually, a lifelong interest in sketching and drawing developed into a passion for painting.

As an artist, his ultimate intention is to create art which 'awakens people's souls'. His paintings are characterized by free and very powerful palette knife

lines and a generous application of acrylic paint. While he paints on various sizes of canvas, he has begun to explore the use of larger surfaces. O'Sullivan has had five local exhibitions in the past four years, as well as exhibitions in Kenmore, Calgary, Toronto and Workworth, ON.

One of his goals is to help corporations create more soulful workplaces by surrounding workers with art that touches the minds, hearts and spirits of people in the workplace. Paddy O'Sullivan's paintings hang in private collections and corporate offices in the United Kingdom, France, Canada and the United States.

To see this inspiring exhibit, visit the Sudbury Theatre Centre during regular office hours or during show evenings. STC is located at 170 Shaughnessy Street near Tom Davies Square.

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STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

1. Comment on this statement made by George Santayana: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."
2. Are men and women equal in contemporary Canadian society? What roles should social organizations, political institutions, and individuals play in fostering gender equality?
3. What have been the benefits and drawbacks of recent technological advances? How can we best harness scientific knowledge to resolve some of today's problems?



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Sue Johanson stopped by Laurentian for a free SGA event aimed at educating students about sexuality.

Matt Moskal

Arts & Entertainment Editor

On Friday, November 9th, Sue Johanson paid a visit to The Pub Down Under for a free SGA sponsored event open to any of its numerous members. Before she hit the stage and gave an absolutely spellbinding speech dispelling many common misconceptions about sexuality, I was able to apprehend her for a lengthy interview in the SGA office. What follows is a condensed version of what went on that day.

LAMBDA: I hear the name Sue Johanson. Many people hear the name and all of a sudden it becomes open forum, sexuality loses its taboo momentarily. I feel it shouldn't have that taboo because it's one of the most necessary of human urges.

Sue Johanson: Absolutely

L: And what do you feel about that whole subject matter, what you seem to have become to the public in terms of lifting the taboo around sexuality?

SJ: That's the part that I like! That whole idea that we've brought it right out in your face! (At this point Sue opens her hand

wide and motions towards my face) It's there, and if you're uncomfortable with it, it's your problem. And so you can start dealing with it. The way to do that is through information. For me doing this kind of sex education is probably one of the most satisfying jobs I could think of.

L: Do you agree that there is some shock factor...

SJ: Yes.

L: that a lot of people don't expect it coming from...

SJ: Absolutely. There is. I don't see it as shock factor, I see it as reality. I like to think of it as reality the fact that a) I am older than most of their grandparents, I am 77 years of age, so most of their grandparents aren't that old. I have grandchildren who are older than they are. My grandchildren have graduated from university. One's working on a PHD. My grandchildren are older. There's that idea that "Oh my god! She's older than my grandmother! She's old!" so that makes me safe. When you're my age, you aren't seen as sexual. If I was a cute young thing, that would be different. I would be seen as titillating, and teasing and almost leading them on where as at my age it's just seen as infor-

Catching Up with Sue Johanson

mation. The other bit of shock reality is that somebody at my age knows as much about sex as I do and is able to talk about as openly as I do. They think in terms of their parents who can't talk to them about sex.

L: We've created such a comfortable environment already in this room. It will be interesting to see what will happen with an entire pub full of people; unfortunately it won't be as personal or face-to-face.

SJ: I think that if you talk to the kids afterwards, I think that you may find that to a certain extent it is. It's not as personal because I'm not talking to them on a one-to-one basis. I certainly will spend time answering your questions, and they've very common questions. I hope we can do it. I think I do. It's a combination of humour, slightly off kilter humour, because I have a dirty sense of humour.

L: It must really help that the initial shock grabs their attention because with their attention you can drive the point home. People are not going to forget Sue Johanson, people are not going to forget... I'm wondering, what's in the blue bag?

SJ: Toys.

L: They're not going to forget the blue bag by the end of the day. I do have another question, what makes Sue uncomfortable?

SJ: Not much. They'll ask questions like, "When was the last time I had sex?" and I will stop and think, and it's been asked so often, I'll pretend to think and say "I think it was about 1942." They know that that is an inappropriate question and you're not going to get a straight answer. Do I ever get embarrassed? Not really.

L: How has the popularity of the internet changed the style of questions you've received?

SJ: Not that much. Not for me. Not that much. I get a little bit more questions about cyber sex. Some of that, I get some of that. I get more questions about porn now, than I used to get. But other than that, no, it hasn't changed it that much. The basic lack of information is still there. That's not being addressed by the

internet; they're going in for titillation much more than information. And I'm not sure kids are looking up information up there. We have our own website: www.talksexwithsue.com and it's available in Canada, the United States, and all over. And it is medically accurate. I write it so I know.

L: We just had Ron Jeremy and Susan Cole here a couple months ago to debate the ethics of pornography and whether or not it's a form of media that objectifies women, do you feel it is a field that objectifies a single gender? Has it been changing in nature over the past few years?

SJ: Well it's been changing in nature but a lot of women, judging by the phone calls that I get, and the questions that I get

and the concerns that I get, women still don't like it. Women are still angry about it; they resent their partners spending the time watching porn on the internet or videos or whatever they do. They feel inadequate because they feel that her body is not like Debbie doing Dallas. So she can't compete with Debbie doing Dallas. Guys also feel inadequate because they're not endowed like whatshisface. One thing that Susan Cole talked about was erotica, women enjoy erotica. Erotica is seen by women as safe and pleasurable and stimulating. Most women who are honest will admit that. And that's okay. I'm not uncomfortable, I don't like porn, I see that it does objectify women and put them down and makes them feel like that's all they're good for. But erotica, no problem.

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Taught by an Angel

A Review of Tuesdays With Morrie at the STC

Matt Moskal
Arts & Entertainment
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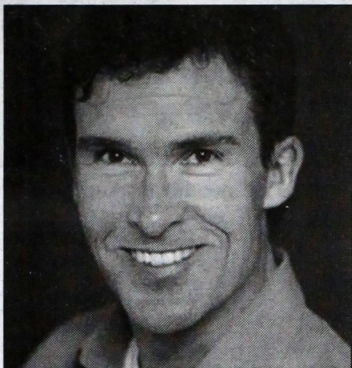
"We have to see the relationship between these two men, how it grew, how the young man learns from the old man how to deal in a civilized way with this thing that's going to happen to all of us called 'Death,'" states director Malcolm Black on the concept of the STC's production of Mitch Albom's Tuesdays with Morrie.

The production ran from the first of November to the 11th catering to sold out audiences on a nightly basis. The play itself, which is an adaptation to the original texts of the book, boasts what some deem a reflection of some of life's greatest lessons.

"This is a play that actually has true catharsis," elaborates Rich Hughes, who plays Mitch, "Mitch Albom really represents everyman in this show. Everyone can understand how the pace of life can bring us away from our true selves and bring us away from emotional truth and what matters. This is a journey we all need to go through."

Rick is joined on stage by Wayne Robson as Morrie Schwarz. Robson's reputation precedes him, best known for his character Mike Hamar on the Red Green Show; Wayne's resume features more than 100 acting credits in both film and television, along with an extensive stage and voice acting career.

Onstage, Hughes and Robson enacted the tale of sports writer Mitch Albom as he rekindles his relationship with Morrie Schwarz, a university professor he'd regrettably lost touch with years before. This all comes in lieu of Morrie learning that he has Lou Gehrig's disease and ending up on the receiving end of a Ted Koppel interview. After



Sudbury Theatre Centre
Rick Hughes plays Mitch Albom in Tuesdays with Morrie at the STC.

seeing the program, Mitch visits his old friend to pay his respects, only to find himself not ready to let go. From this point on, Mitch vows to visit Morrie every Tuesday until his disease takes him.

"He brings Mitch back to life and brings Mitch back to his senses," states Hughes, "and during the climax for this play, the penny finally drops."

Along with the metaphorical penny, many a tear is dropped by the climax of this

production. Every silence in the dialogue is utilized to its full potential as a hush onstage provided ample opportunity for any audience member to hear his or her companion viewers sniffing at the weighty emotional presence between the actors.

Robson's portrayal of Morrie Schwarz is just where it needed to be. From his first moments dancing to the delight of the crowd to his final goodbye at the end of the show, there's no love lost towards this funny and charming man.

Elsewhere, Rick Hughes is faced with the role of Mitch. Having to feed off both the energy of his old mentor and the sadness crawling within the audience throughout the show is no easy task. Hughes commands the stage effectively as he reminisces about the golden days of his youth and establishes a fantastic chemistry with his co-star. There is clearly an aspect of his character in everyone in the audience that manages to tug the heartstrings of onlookers nearly as well as his onstage counterpart.

By the final curtain of the show, what's happened to the audience isn't a tragedy, it's a lesson. Have they learned from this experience, has their teacher been an effective one? Time will tell. But one thing's for sure; the redness in the eyes of the audience could never have been evoked by a performance that was anything less than believable.

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Young Adult Actor Needed at STC

Artistic Director of the Sudbury Theatre Centre, George Pothitos, is looking for a community actor who is able to play a young man aged 17 in the spring production of Rabbit Hole by David Lindsay-Abaire.

Rabbit Hole received the Pulitzer Award for Best Drama in 2007. It tells the story of a family working its way through the loss of a child.

"There's a lot of talent in Sudbury and I'm always trying to find ways to use community actors when I can," says Pothitos. "As you know, it's not often possible since we are a professional company. The biggest challenge for the community actor is not the talent but the time commitment it takes to be part of a main stage show at the Sudbury Theatre Centre."

Pothitos also stresses that the candidate must have previous stage experience since this is not a walk-on part. "The young man will have three very good scenes with a number of lines. It's a great part."

Rehearsals for Rabbit Hole begin March 11 (March Break for high school students) and continue until the show opens March 27. The play itself runs from March 27 to April 6, primarily in the evenings. There are three matinees scheduled, Sundays March 30 and April 6 as well as Friday, April 4.

To receive the audition package from the Sudbury Theatre Centre, call the box office at 674-8381. Auditions are by appointment only on Friday, December 7 beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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Well, what do you think? Would you see this product as a sound investment? All of the claims made above have been documented and supported by more than one study. And the "product"? Companion animals – family pets. Yep, Rover and Fluffy. But you knew that already. You knew the creature most anxious for you to come home, the one who is in seventh heaven when going for a walk with you, is your dedicated dog. You knew the critter that can be counted on to curl up with you when you have mono or essay-avoidance-disorder, is your mellow minou.

Me, I am rather partial to cats even though I have three dogs. (Their names are Trottsky, Mercy and Pudge. I know the blend is not harmonious.) My interest stems from my volunteer

work at the Greater Sudbury Animal Shelter. There are normally about seven cats for every dog found, and the redemption rate of cats is close to nil.

Friends of Shelter Pets – a small not for profit – tries to foster and adopt out four cats per week. The Shelter vaccinates, deworms and defleas. The Friends pay to have adult cats fixed – with thanks to our veterinary clinic, which gives us the shelter rate. Some of us foster, some of us do cat runs, some gather up donated food and litter. And the Pet Food Warehouses in New Sudbury and the South End display our minous for us. Prices range from \$10 for a three year old fixed house cat to \$60 for a rambunctious fixed teenage cat. What a deal!

I realize that cats and dogs – even guinea pigs and budgies – may not be an option for folks with allergies or people living in residence. But not to worry – for less than \$10, the Leaves and Fishes project of the All Peoples United Church Women will provide you with a betta or a goldfish in a large vase, along with a

Chinese good luck plant. For less than \$60 your area pet food store can set you up with a 10 gallon aquarium and the necessary gadgetry, plus a tank full of fish. You need never be alone again.

Not ready to commit to something that requires daily



care, but needing something to talk to? You're in luck. Come see me at Student Services for a maintenance free small plant. Apparently "horticultural therapy" is also beneficial to mental health. Talking to plants – it's not just for Flower Children anymore...

- Jan Carrie Steven is a Counsellor at Student Services. Visit her website at www.smallthings.ca

Student Coffee Club United Way Week

The Student Coffee Club has brought together members of the university community for over a month now. Usually, the profits from the club go directly to the student food bank. Yet, during the following week, all profits will be directed towards the United Way campaign, so that we can not only give back to the Laurentian community, but to the Sudbury community more broadly.

Become a member of the club for \$10, enjoy exquisite organic and fair trade coffee, and give back to our community at the same time. The club welcomes its members between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. business days, in the games room situated in the Student Centre.

Laurentian Christian Fellowship Coffeehouse

Friday

November 30th

8pm

Huntington Social Center

The Laurentian Christian Fellowship are hosting an open mic night that is open for anyone to attend! Play as many songs as time allows - Sign up at the event!

Int'l Education Week Open House

Canada is joining more than 85 countries to participate in International Education Week (IEW) from November 19-23, 2007 to highlight the ways that an international education prepares Canadians to live and work in today's global society.

As part IEW activities, Laurentian International is highlighting recruitment plans for 2007-2008. Laurentian representatives will be meeting students, university officials and embassy contacts in:

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As Laurentian University students are exploring and adventuring worldwide, you may have met people that want to learn more about Laurentian University, our English for Academic Preparation (EAP) program, and about life in Sudbury.

Here is your chance to share Laurentian with the world!

Laurentian International can help your friends from around the globe learn about Laurentian. We would be happy to meet with them directly in the countries listed above or to send materials to other locations.

To learn more join us at the International Education Week Open House

Friday, November 23, 2007

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11:00-3:00pm

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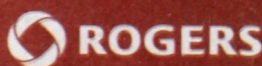
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Remembrance Day: The Yellow Ribbon debate

Ribbon display supports war and stifles democracy

Asaf Rashid
Canadian University Press

FREDERICTON (CUP) -- Yellow "Support the Troops" ribbons are symbols that many people have developed strong feelings about. For the vast majority of those who display them, the ribbons act as a public show of concern for the health and safety of those serving in Afghanistan with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Displaying the ribbons has become an act of compassion by the troops' family members, friends and supporters.

Through no fault of those who display them, the larger impacts of the yellow ribbons do not produce an environment of compassion. Instead they create fear and submission, stifling public discussion about the Afghanistan war.

These impacts are in the interests of the Department of National Defense (DoD), the organizers of the yellow ribbon campaign.

The DoD has used their own company, Canex, to print and sell the yellow ribbons, as part of Operation Connection, a huge public relations campaign to sell the Afghanistan Mission to the Canadian people.

The DoD, in an effort to boost low public opinion and saturate the Canadian public with their message, has spent more tax dollars on public relations than any other government department this year.

In October 2007, the Fredericton Peace Coalition (FPC) embarked on what has become a contentious campaign that challenges the DoD's distribution and promotion of the yellow ribbons.

They have also challenged the DoD's "red t-shirt Fridays" campaign, which encourages more outward support of the mission.

The FPC has called on local businesses and organizations to reconsider their display of yellow ribbons, and consider, instead — or in conjunction with them — displaying a "bring them home" symbol.

Once the FPC went public with their campaign and did interviews with local media, their members began receiving death threats on their weblog, which have been removed by the Coalition as part of their policy to keep the weblog a safe space for non-threatening debate.

Members of the FPC I spoke with expressed concerns over their safety during the barrage of threats.

Suddenly, criticism of the war became a cruel condemnation of the individuals serving in the armed forces. The troops' lives, through the yellow ribbon smoke-screen, were suddenly seen

as symbiotic with the war effort.

Such a perception of the Afghanistan Mission is ideal for the interests of the DoD's Operation Connection campaign.

The DoD has played a clever bit of politics. They want support for the Afghanistan Mission, which the majority of Canadians are opposed to. So, they created a distraction from debate by switching the focus from the politics of the war effort to whether or not people care about the lives of the individual troops.

Another dangerous byproduct of the DoD's yellow ribbon campaign experienced by members and supporters of the FPC, is the feeling of fear among dissenters of the Afghanistan Mission.

Many supporters have hesitated to go public with their views, appear at demonstrations or attend press conferences.

They fear reactions from the public, including those noted above, but also less severe repercussions like guilt trips for their "uncaring" attitude.

Fewer people choosing to express their dissent publicly often means that fewer people show up to demonstrations and protests. Newcomers, as a result, are less likely to join. A small crowd's message is not taken as seriously, after all.

The resulting stifling of dissent to the war is extremely dangerous, considering how many lives are at stake on both ends of the Canadian guns.

Public tax dollars are supporting the war effort. The poor, almost exclusively, are being recruited into the military without being given sufficient critiques of the Afghanistan mission. The DoD is the architect of the campaign and is setting an enormous precedent for government propaganda campaigns.

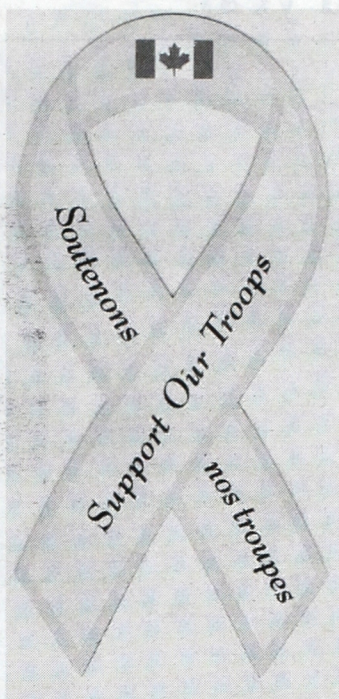
For all these reasons and more, I support the Fredericton Peace Coalition for their important opposition to the DoD's yellow ribbon campaign.

Asaf Rashid is a media activist and member of the Maritimes Indymedia Editorial Collective.

Ribbons show much needed support

Joseph Thomas
Canadian University Press

FREDERICTON (CUP) -- While some people aware of the true meaning behind the yellow ribbons, others are not. The meaning behind the yellow ribbons is to show our support to the men and women who are serving in today's Canadian Armed Forces, whether it's overseas in an operational theatre or on the home front at their local training facilities.



The members of the Fredericton Peace Coalition (FPC) are among those who do not fully understand the true meaning and concept of The Yellow Ribbon Campaign. They criticize those who show their support through the ribbons, arguing that it is tantamount to supporting the war in Afghanistan.

If that were so, business-

es would not only have 'support our troops' ribbons in their windows, but also have 'support the war' ones as well.

Members of the Armed Forces, whether in a theatre of operations, on general duties as a peacekeeper or at home, wear their uniform with the pride of knowing that they are serving the greatest country in the world.

They realize that they are risking their lives for the people of the country that they serve, giving citizens, like the people in the FPC, the right to freedom of speech and many other rights practiced by such outspoken groups. Those soldiers are risking their lives on a day-to-day basis to keep Canada free from any sort of danger that may pose a threat to national security.

All of these reasons are the point of The Yellow Ribbon campaign and supporting the troops.

I write not only as a civilian, but also as a member of the Canadian Forces. I, along with my colleagues, do not view these symbols as a "support the war" campaign. We view it as a gesture of

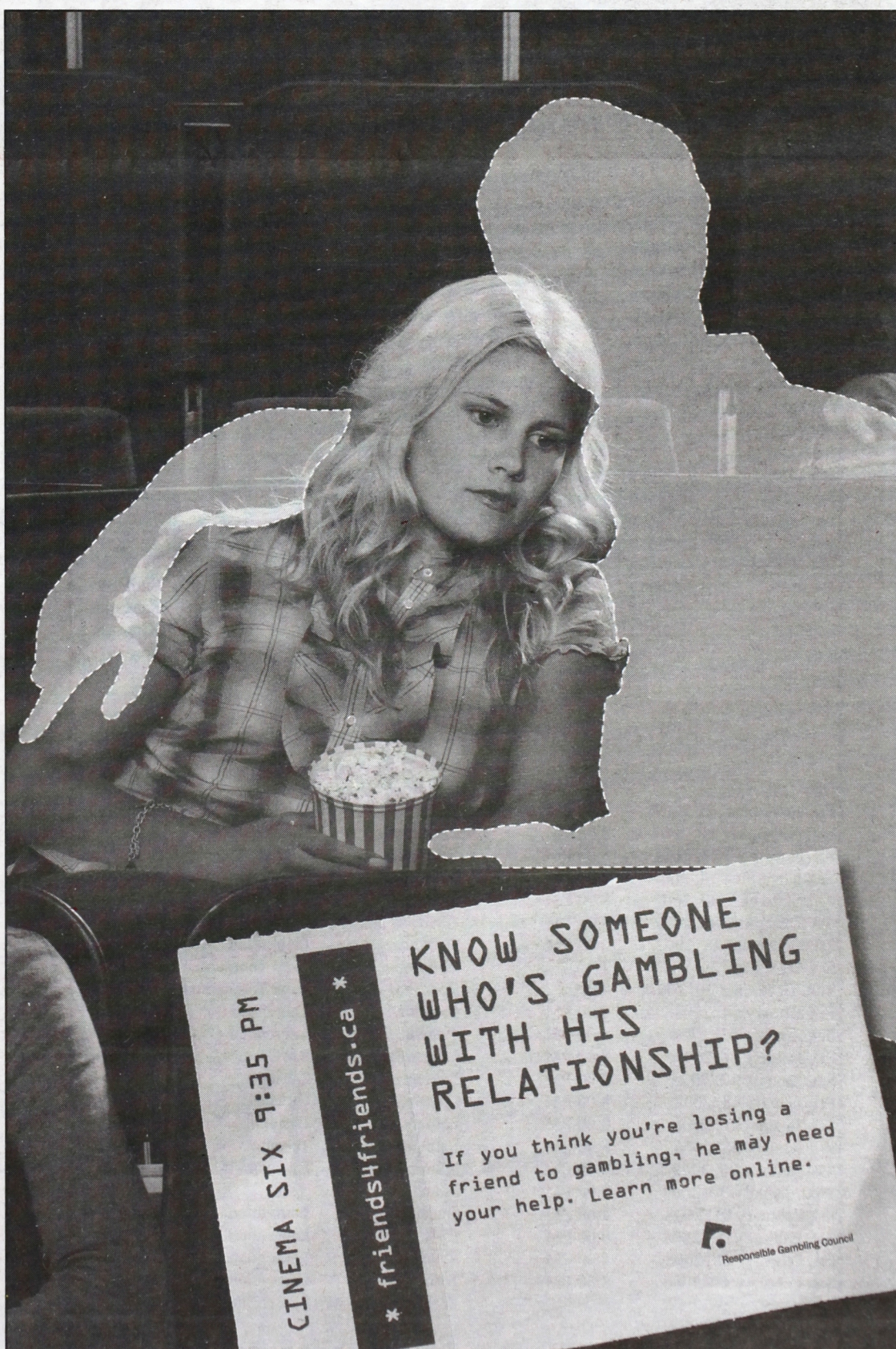
support for our fellow soldiers, co-workers and brothers. We view it as support for those who have gone ahead of us and answered their own call of duty.

Standing behind our troops is the main thing, whether we agree with the mission or not. They need our support and reassurance to let them know that we hope they are safe and return home safely.

There is an expression used on many items that support the troops: "If you don't stand behind our troops, feel free to stand in front of them." I, along with many other people, have chosen to stand behind them and show them our support.

I have family members who are currently serving in the Canadian Forces, including my father, and I will stand behind them any day. But soldiers are also mothers, fathers, cousins, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters, friends and co-workers.

They are normal, everyday people, who I look upon with the utmost respect, as I look upon veterans of past world conflicts. They all deserve at least a ribbon.



Voyageurs Biggest Supporters on Campus: LU Pot Bangers celebrate 15th year



Contributed by Greg Hodinott

Maggie Frampton
Sports Editor

Support fans, have you been to the gym lately to cheer on the LU Voyageurs? Have you noticed a large crowd of cheering students in yellow and blue and wondering who these amazing people are? They are the LU POTBANGERS!!!

The LU pot banger club has quickly become a success within the first two months of school. The pot banger club is a fan club for the LU Voyageur sport teams. With close to 100 members, this club is quickly growing. Over the past 15 years, students

have come out to games with pots and noisemakers. This year the Laurentian Voyageurs decided to have a club dedicate to the sport teams and bring more students to the games. The pot bangers are not only students but team family members and alumni from Laurentian. The pot bangers have reserved seats, the best in the house to cheer on the Voyageurs. The cost to become an LU pot bangers is 10\$ which includes two t-shirts, beverages and 10% all Voyageur merchandise. To become a member you can simply stop by the Athletics office in the Ben Avery from Monday- Friday 8:30 to 4:30. The pot bangers support all sport teams year round! Come out and show your support!

Laurentian University 2007-2008 Schedule

Women's Basketball

Date	Time	Home	Away	Location
Nov. 16th	6:00pm	Laurentian	Guelph	Sudbury
Nov 17th	6:00pm	Laurentian	Brock	Sudbury
Nov 23rd	6:00pm	Laurentian	Lakehead	Sudbury
Nov 30th	6:00pm	Laurier	Laurentian	Waterloo
Dec 1st	6:00pm	Waterloo	Laurentian	Waterloo
Dec 28th	7:00pm	Calgary	Laurentian	Calgary
Dec 29th	5:00pm	Laurentian	Carleton	Calgary
Dec 30th	11am	Victoria	Laurentian	Calgary
Jan 4th	6:00pm	Carleton	Laurentian	Ottawa
Jan 5th	6:00pm	Ottawa	Laurentian	Ottawa
Jan 11th	6:00pm	Laurentian	RMC	Sudbury
Jan 12th	6:00pm	Laurentian	Queen's	Sudbury
Jan 18th	6:00pm	Laurentian	Ottawa	Sudbury
Jan 19th	6:00pm	Laurentian	Carleton	Sudbury
Jan 25th	6:00pm	Laurentian	Toronto	Sudbury
Jan 26th	6:00pm	Laurentian	Ryerson	Sudbury
Jan 30th	6:00pm	Laurentian	York	Sudbury
Feb 1st	6:00pm	Queen's	Laurentian	Kingston
Feb 2nd	6:00pm	RMC	Laurentian	Kingston
Feb 8th	6:00pm	Ryerson	Laurentian	Toronto
Feb 9th	6:00pm	Toronto	Laurentian	Toronto

Men's Basketball

Date	Time	Home	Away	Location
Fri, November 16, 2007	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Guelph	Sudbury
Sat, November 17, 2007	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Brock	Sudbury
Fri, November 23, 2007	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Lakehead	Sudbury
Sat, November 24, 2007	8:00 PM	Laurentian	McMaster	Sudbury
Fri, November 30, 2007	8:00 PM	Laurier	Laurentian	Waterloo
Sat, December 01, 2007	8:00 PM	Waterloo	Laurentian	Waterloo
Fri, December 28, 2007	8:00 PM	Dalhousie	Laurentian	Halifax
Sat, December 29, 2007	TBA	Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament		Halifax
Sun, December 30, 2007	TBA	Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament		Halifax
Fri, January 04, 2008	8:00 PM	Carleton	Laurentian	Ottawa
Sat, January 05, 2008	8:00 PM	Ottawa	Laurentian	Ottawa
Fri, January 11, 2008	8:00 PM	Laurentian	RMC	Sudbury
Sat, January 12, 2008	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Queen's	Sudbury
Fri, January 18, 2008	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Ottawa	Sudbury
Sat, January 19, 2008	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Carleton	Sudbury
Fri, January 25, 2008	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Toronto	Sudbury
Sat, January 26, 2008	8:00 PM	Laurentian	Ryerson	Sudbury
Wed, January 30, 2008	8:00 PM	Laurentian	York	Sudbury
Fri, February 01, 2008	8:00 PM	Queen's	Laurentian	Kingston
Sat, February 02, 2008	8:00 PM	RMC	Laurentian	Kingston
Fri, February 08, 2008	8:00 PM	Ryerson	Laurentian	Toronto
Sat, February 09, 2008	8:00 PM	Toronto	Laurentian	Toronto
Sat, February 16, 2008	8:00 PM	York	Laurentian	Toronto

Come out and play the Intramural Indoor Soccer Way

Laurentian University welcomes all Laurentian University students to come out and kick it for the Intramural Indoor Soccer league. The registration will take place Monday, November 12 to Friday, November 16 at the Ben Avery Building in the Department of Active Living office (B-226.) The league will begin on Monday, January 7 to Thursday, January 31, 2008. The games will be played in the Ben Avery gym at 9pm to 12am. Each team must pay \$20 and there will be a maximum of 24 teams; 12 teams in the competitive divi-

sion and 12 teams in the non-competitive division. There must be at least 8 players on a team and there must be two females on the court at all times. It is mandatory that each player supplies their own shin pads and proper, clean indoor footwear for each game. There will also be one different theme night each week. Theme nights will be Pirate Night, LU Night, and International Team Night. There will be amazing prizes to be won. Come out and enjoy all the fun and excitement.

The Ultimate Snow Frisbee

K. Mancuso

The Intramural Sports Program has officially begun for the 2007/2008 school year. We are excited to introduce a new non-competitive tournament this year, Snow Ultimate Frisbee! The tournament will take place on Saturday and Sunday January 12, 13 2008 between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Registration for this event is approaching quickly and will be held the week of November 12 to 16, 2007 in the Department of Active Living between 9:00am and 4:00pm. A compulsory captains meeting will be held soon after that on Tuesday November 20, 2007 at 4:30 pm.

There is limited spaces as only eight teams are invited to participate. The cost is \$20.00 per team. Teams should have a minimum of 7 players. The tournament is COED, so remember that two females need to be on the playing surface at all times. It will be a round robin set-up with playoffs to finish. A complimentary pizza lunch on Saturday January 12, 2007 will be held in the Ken Bahnuk Lounge. Prizes will also be awarded throughout the tournament.

Registration is coming up, so get your teams together and freshen up your Frisbee skills!

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Intramural Basketball Updates

Intramural Men's Basketball

Nick Hodge

Laurentian University's Men's Intramural Basketball League has had a very exciting season, leading to some intense playoff matches starting Thursday November 8, 2007.

The University College (UC) residence team finished the season in first place of Pool A with an undefeated record of 8-0. Huntington's residence team finished closely behind with an impressive 7-1 record, while the Sports Psychology team rounded out the top three with a very respectable 6-2 record.

In Pool B, the B-2nd Streakers finished in first place and with 13 regular-season points are favored to be victorious in the upcoming playoffs. After the very tight regular season, it is evident that both Pool A and B's playoff match-ups will be very competitive and will be rewarded with great prizes from our local sponsors.

It is important to recognize that the Intramural Basketball League would not be so successful if it were not for the support of local sponsors which we would like to recognize at this time. Home Hardware, Gloria's Restaurant and Respect is Burning are the three main sponsors who have stepped up to support Laurentian University Intramural Basketball League with prizes for victorious teams.

Girls Intramural Basketball

Amanda Elliot

The first half of the girls' intramural basketball league has been a success thanks to the participation of the players. There have been 18 scheduled games so far and all of the teams have put forth a tremendous effort. With finals just around the corner, the standings to date are:

Standings as of Wednesday November 7, 2007

TEAM /	POINT TOTAL /	PLACE
1. The Medusas	9	2
2. Balls on Wood	7	4
3. TBD	7	4
4. T-Birds	9	2
5. Jackass' J-2nd	6	5
6. Trojans	12	1
7. Huntington	8	3
9. U of S	6	5

Learning Snow Sports

Rob Reimer
and
Jean Paul Rains

The Laurentian University Intramural Program is proud to present "Learning Snow Sports". This event is geared towards teaching cross-country skiing and snowshoeing to beginners who have never attempted the sports before. The best part about this event is that equipment will be available at a very affordable price (participants are also encouraged to bring their own equipment if possible) and no experience required to participate. All Laurentian students are eligible to sign up.

Registration begins November 12 and finishes November 16. The actual events will happen every Friday starting January 11. Cross-country skiing will take place January 11 and 18 at 1:30pm until 3pm. Snowshoeing will take place January 25 and February 1 at 1:30pm until 3pm. Dates are subject to change.

Registration is free. Ski and snow-shoe rental is \$2 per person. You can register for each event separately or both events at the Active Living office located in room B-226 in the Ben Avery building. Prizes will be available to all participants. Once again, all Laurentian students are welcomed to the event.

2nd Annual Kick for the Cure Raises \$3,500 for Breast Cancer

Greg Hoddinott
Athletic Marketing & Media
Relations Officer



The Laurentian Lady Vees soccer team and the Canadian Cancer Society recently held a cheque presentation for the proceeds from the second annual Kick for the Cure event. The cheque presentation saw the Lady Vees donate \$3,500 from the second annual event. On September 15, the Vees defeated the RMC Paladins 2-1 improving their record to 2-0 in pink and in the process.

In its second year, the women's soccer team set a lofty goal for the Kick for the Cure event. They were hoping to double last year's total of \$1,920 with all of this year's funds going

to the Canadian Cancer Society, once again.

Through the sale of sponsorship, t-shirts and donations the Laurentian Lady Vees were able to donate \$3,500 to breast cancer research. This year Laurentian would like to thank all of its sponsors including first year t-shirt sponsor David W. Throssell

Investors Group and all of the events player sponsors. The Lady Vees would like to especially thank Chez Nils Beauty Salon who decorated the salon and donated their tips from the day to the event raising an additional \$85 from their tips.

"This is a great cause, a great event and a great result" said Laurentian Athletics, Marketing and Media Relations Officer, Greg Hoddinott. "Even though we missed the target of double the first year donation, we feel

the second annual event was a huge success and are hoping to grow the event even bigger next year."

Next years event date will be determined shortly after next seasons OUA soccer schedule is announced in the spring. Stay tuned to www.luvoyageurs.com for more information about this event and helping make cancer history.

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2007 Ig Nobel Prizes Announced

Matt Strickland

If you haven't noticed this column before, that's because it's brand new. That's right: you're witnessing a piece of history here. Why should a campus paper have a science column when most students spend their days going to some boring science class anyway? Well, mainly because most of the material you're learning in class is old, old news. That's not to say it's not true—most of it is—but it's not really cutting edge and it's rarely all that interesting. With every issue of The Lambda, Quantum Dots will try to distill the best—or at least the most interesting—scientific discoveries of the preceding two weeks.

Now, fall is an important time of the year for scientists. It is at the beginning of October that the Swedish and Norwegian Nobel Prize committees announce the winners of the world's most prestigious prizes in chemistry, physics, physiology and medicine, economics, literature, and peace. At just about the same time, another very distinguished group of scientists is being honoured on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. This other group of academics are the proud winners of the Ig Nobel Prizes, awards intended to celebrate the unusual, honour the imaginative, and spur people's interest in science. The prizes commemorate achievements that make people laugh and then make them think. Let's take a look at this year's winners, announced last week at the Ig Nobel Prize Ceremony at Harvard University.

Medicine—Radiologist Brian Witcombe and entertainer Dan Meyer shared this year's prize for their piercing report "Sword Swallowing and Its Effects". Effects which, according to their work, include sore throats and gastrointestinal bleeding.

Physics—Researchers from Chile and the US for their study of how sheets become wrinkled. This honour came after publishing three major papers on the subject, including one in Nature, arguably the world's most prestigious scientific journal. Applications of their work include...um...uh...well, nothing yet.

Biology—You've heard of people who like to count birds? Dr. van Bronswijk received the biology prize for doing a census of all the mites, insects, spiders, pseudoscorpions, crustaceans, bacteria, algae, ferns, and fungi with which we share our beds each night. Now, as a piece of advice, don't Google "pseudoscorpions". Knowing what they look like and knowing that they live in Canada will only make sleeping at night that much harder.

Chemistry—Mayu Yamamoto won for his research entitled "Novel Production Method for Plant Polyphenol from Livestock Excrement Using Subcritical Water Reaction". In other words, he's managed to find a way to extract vanillin (the vanilla fragrance and flavouring) from cow dung. In his honour, a Massachusetts ice cream shop has already introduced a new flavour called "Yum-a-Moto Vanilla Twist".

Linguistics—Spanish researchers from the University of Barcelona received the prize for showing that rats sometimes cannot tell the difference between a person speaking Japanese backwards and a person speaking Dutch backwards.

Literature—Glenda Browne, the winner of the literature category and a librarian from Australia published on a problem which has surely plagued library workers for centuries. She won her Ig Nobel for the study of the word "the"—and the many ways it causes problems for anyone who tries to put things into alpha-

betical order.

Peace—This one's great. The 2007 Ig Nobel Peace Prize went to the Air Force Wright Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio, after documentation was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act about some of their research from the early '90s. Specifically, the military received the award for instigating research and development on a chemical weapon—the so-called "gay bomb"—that would make enemy soldiers become sexually irresistible to each other.

Nutrition—Brian Wansink of Cornell University for his method of studying the seemingly boundless appetites of human beings. Wansink used self-refilling, bottomless bowls of soup to show that people would eat more—73% more—if you keep sneaking more food on their plates. The lesson from his paper? People use their eyes to count calories rather than their stomachs.

Economics—A Taiwanese engineer was honoured for his 2001 patent of a device that catches bank robbers by dropping a net over them.

Aviation—A group of university researchers from Argentina won the first-ever Ig Nobel Prize in aviation for their discovery that Viagra aids jetlag recovery in hamsters. This seems very promising given the hundreds—if not thousands—of hamsters that fall victim to jetlag while on business trips each year.

There you have it! Although the Ig Nobel Prizes laureates often appear to be wasting their time, the vast majority take their work very seriously. Some of the research can lead to important applications or answer questions that no one else has bothered trying to resolve. Know of a professor or grad student doing some pretty original or crazy science? Nominate them by pointing your web browser to the Ig Nobel Prizes homepage.



Josh Buck
Science & Tech

Hello Everyone and welcome to this week's rant.

My big beef this week is the ridiculous amount of money that Facebook, the social network as I am sure most of you will know about, is going to be making in coming months. The creators themselves have already become billionaires or at least at pretty close to it. It is not them I have a problem with, for they did create an ingenious method of building networks that millions of users around the world now use. My issue with them started some time ago when they changed the format of the networking site from being strictly for students of a post secondary institution. Now I know that they have a right to change their own program and as it is a free site for users I should not be complaining, but come on, nobody wanted their parents or even grandparents looking at all of those pictures of them falling off bar stools. This was a great site for us to use, there was no younger kids bringing their O.C style drama closer to us and there was no way my grandmother could ask me at Thanksgiving about some pictures she never needed to see. This however is ancient news in the realm of the World Wide Web where things are gauged in nanoseconds.

My newest beef with Facebook is the so called "15 billion dollar question" Facebook is trying to make upwards of 15 billion dollars by selling out various marketing techniques to the highest bidder. We are moving into an age where we no longer have to go to the ads but the ads come to us. The marketing will happen in three different platforms, "Social Ads", "Targeting" and "Insights". The "Social Ads" have already been appearing for some time, these are the ads that appear in your news on the home page once you have logged in. They are placed into specific groups of people that the company specifies based upon their own market research. So if I have a bunch of action movies listed as my favourites in my profile, then I might see advertisements for the newest blockbuster from Universal Studios or Paramount. "Targeting" works in a similar fashion to "Social Ads", there is going to be a mass database of our information available to companies to purchase to "drill" into so that the companies will be able to bid on the right to advertise to a specific group, for example 18 to 24 year old males who watch "The Simpsons".

"Insights" is going to be the ability for corporations to create their own Facebook page, so that we can befriend a product that they offer like Coke or Windows vista. This to me is the most ridiculous of all the marketing ploys. There are already groups who profess their love to brands, but now you can be its friend and be kept in the corporate propaganda wheel faster. I cannot wait to see what Cokes "Looking For" status is, maybe Friendship, but most likely Random Play or maybe, just maybe Coke is desperate

and is "Whatever I can get". How will Coke answer the "Interested in" question? I am guessing Male and Female so as to not alienate one gender but doesn't that make Coke Bi-sexual or at the least Bi-curious? I hope those Bible thumpers are not friends with Coke. Speaking of Bible Thumpers do you think Coke has "Religious views" and does anyone know the Education of Coke? I am really looking forward to having these questions answered, more gossip for around the water cooler.

That is the major advertising tools that Facebook will be using, but wait there is more. Facebook will also be launching what is called "Facebook Beacon" which will allow third party sites to put a link to Facebook at the end of a transaction so that consumers can let all of their friends know what they have just bought. Well it may be cool to let my friends know I just bought the complete series of "Fraggle Rock" off of Amazon.com, I swear if someone like the Stagshop.com does this and I find out what my friends or Heaven forbid my parents have bought I am going to throw my laptop and my eyes out the 11th floor of the Parker Building and listen to hear which one lands first. I mean come on people do we really care what you have bought online? "Oh look Susan bought blindfold and a whip, that Johnny is a lucky guy" or "Harry bought another stapler, what is wrong with this guy? That's the 15th one this month"

Before you think I am going to hate Facebook and delete my account forever I must say that there are some nice aspects about this new marketing technique, like being informed of events that smaller companies who could not afford convention advertising will be able to share to mass followers, or indie bands who want to release CD's for those of us who do not download them first. Also as a capitalist I can appreciate what Facebook has done, they have created a wildly successful networking tool that they have graciously provided for free to me and my friends for almost two years, as well as a place to store and see pictures of many a blurry night. But I just hope that the Facebook development team does not lose sight of what they created in the first place; A fun easy way to get in touch with friends from around the world and not a means for corporations to suck the money from my wallet.

From the Grey Matter of Josh Buck

Just Forget All the Muss, Your Photos Will Now Upload Themselves

Roy Furchgott



If you've ever looked at a digital camera full of photos and thought, "Best get to it, those pictures aren't going to upload themselves," you can think again.

Eye-Fi has created a memory card with a built-in Wi-Fi transmitter that will automatically upload your photos to any of 17 photo sites when you are within range of a designated wireless network.

The 2-gigabyte SD memory card looks like any other,

but it has a small antenna and Wi-Fi service inside. For setup, the card must be in the supplied card reader and formatted to recognize the right network.

If you use a photo sharing site like Shutterfly, Flickr or Facebook, the card will send photos over the Internet to Eye-Fi, which then formats them for the site. It also automates sign-in and passwords so that your photos seem to appear magically.

The \$100 Eye-Fi card and reader is available online from Amazon, Buy.com and Wal-Mart.

Science North Offers Adult Photography

Master the Art of Digital Photography Workshop (for adults)

November 15, 2007

Calling all shutterbugs! This workshop offers adults the opportunity to learn basic photography techniques, and to de-mystify the technology of digital cameras. Bring your own digital camera or use one of ours!

Location: Science North
Time: 7 to 10 p.m.

Cost: Science North Members \$35 / Public \$40

To register or to get more information on all of Science North's programs...

On-line, visit <http://sciencenorth.ca/programs>

By phone, call (705) 523-4629 ext. 0 or toll-free 1-800-461-4898.

Celtic Artist at the STC

The Sudbury Theatre Center Art Gallery is pleased to feature the paintings of Fay Reid from November 22, 2007 to January 8, 2008.

Scottish highlands and seascapes are recurring subjects in the paintings of this Scottish native who typically uses water-colour or acrylic to bring the landscapes to life.

Reid has achieved local success, having exhibited at the Walden art club, La cloche art show, The Travelway Inn and Vinegar on the Rocks; however, her growing clientele also includes buyers from all over the United Kingdom. In fact, Reid was invited to display her works in a Scottish gallery during a trip to Scotland this past summer, and six of her painting now hang there.

Fay Reid also holds an impressive list of awards. At the Massey Area Museum Art Show of 2004, she was awarded first, second and third place honours, then again in 2005 she placed first and second in the same show. Also, in 2006, she won a first place award in the acrylic division at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah.

To experience the Scottish highlands (without the airfare) or to purchase one of Fay Reid's paintings, visit the Sudbury Theatre Centre during regular office hours or during show evenings until January 8th, 2008. STC is located at 170 Shaughnessy Street near Tom Davies Square.

Call the Sudbury Theatre Centre at 674-8381 ext.21 for more information.



Last week, Laurentian converted the 3rd floor Student Centre bathrooms into family friendly facilities that include change tables and diaper bins.

Here's hoping that the new renovations are the first step towards a completely accessible campus.

Thorneloe Theatre Arts Presents: String of Pearls

String of Pearls
By Michele Lowe
Directed by Ralph Small

This gem of a play explores the possibilities that open up in the lives of an array of women as they come into contact with a certain strand of pearls.

While the pearls are stolen, bought, bestowed, unstrung, and nearly lost, their dazzling journey through generations spans thirty-five years. The lives of mothers and daughters, sisters and friends, even husbands and wives are touched in a poignant, deeply affecting story of love and loss.

November 16th, and 17th and 21st -
24th @ 8:00 p.m.
Sunday the 18th @ 2:00 p.m.
In the Thorneloe Theatre (Laurentian
University Campus)

Admission
\$10 - for adults
\$5 for students and seniors

Tickets are available @ Black Cat
Too, Laurentian University Bookstore
and the Thorneloe University Main
office.

Call Susan Moores @673-1730 or
Ralph Small at ext. 27 for further
information

Sudbury residents encouraged to donate blood in honour of our troops

Between November 1-30, 2007, during our month of remembrance, Canadians will be able to pay tribute to Canada's 25,000 Military Reservists, as well as regular forces troops past and present, by donating a unit of blood in their honour. Sudbury residents are encouraged to show their support for the troops in Canada and abroad by rolling up their sleeves and sharing their vitality for those who help others every day.

Canadian Blood Services, the Canadian Forces (CF) and Royal Canadian Legion entered into a national partnership in 2006 through the Partners for Life program. Members of the Partners for Life program demonstrate their commitment to saving lives by promoting blood donation in the workplace, hosting on-site clinics and in some cases by allowing time off to donate. In addition to the program, Canadian Blood Services is asking that Canadians donate not only for full-time members of the CF but also those who volunteer much of their time to help others.

Similar to blood donors, the reserves in Sudbury hold down full or part-time employment, and give of their time to help save others. "Members of the Canadian Forces are volunteers who give their time to something they believe in. They are in the business of saving lives and keeping Canadian's safe. We are also the partners of the Canadian

Blood Services. Their cause is also to save life. I urge all Canadians to participate in blood clinics across the land. After all it is a matter of making a difference and saving life. "Major-General Petras, Chief Reserves and Cadets. The reserves have pledged to help save lives not only through their efforts with the Canadian Forces but also by donating blood and blood products.



Canadian Blood Services
it's in you to give

Supporters will be encouraged to sign In Honour cards available at the clinics which will be sent to the National Chief of the Defence Staff on their behalf. In 2006 our campaign ran from November 1- 30 and collected over 20,000 heart felt messages for the troops.

"This is an opportunity for the people of Sudbury to show support for the reserves in the Canadian Forces," said Steve Tipman, Director of Donor and Clinic Services. "They help save lives often while continuing to manage their day-to-day life activities. Our donors know the importance of helping others and save thousands of lives every day."

The Canadian military has a strong, historical link to the blood system. Along with Canadians voluntarily signing up to the reserves, Canadians also began to voluntarily donate blood to help wounded Canadian troops during World War II. This was the start of blood banking in Canada and the wartime effort showed that Canadians had both the national will and the generosity to sustain a voluntary blood system.

Every day, thousands of Canadian Forces representatives help save lives in Canada and around the world. Unfortunately some of these brave men and women need blood products. To make an appointment to donate blood call 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283).

235 Cedar Street
Sudbury, Ontario

Monday: 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday: 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

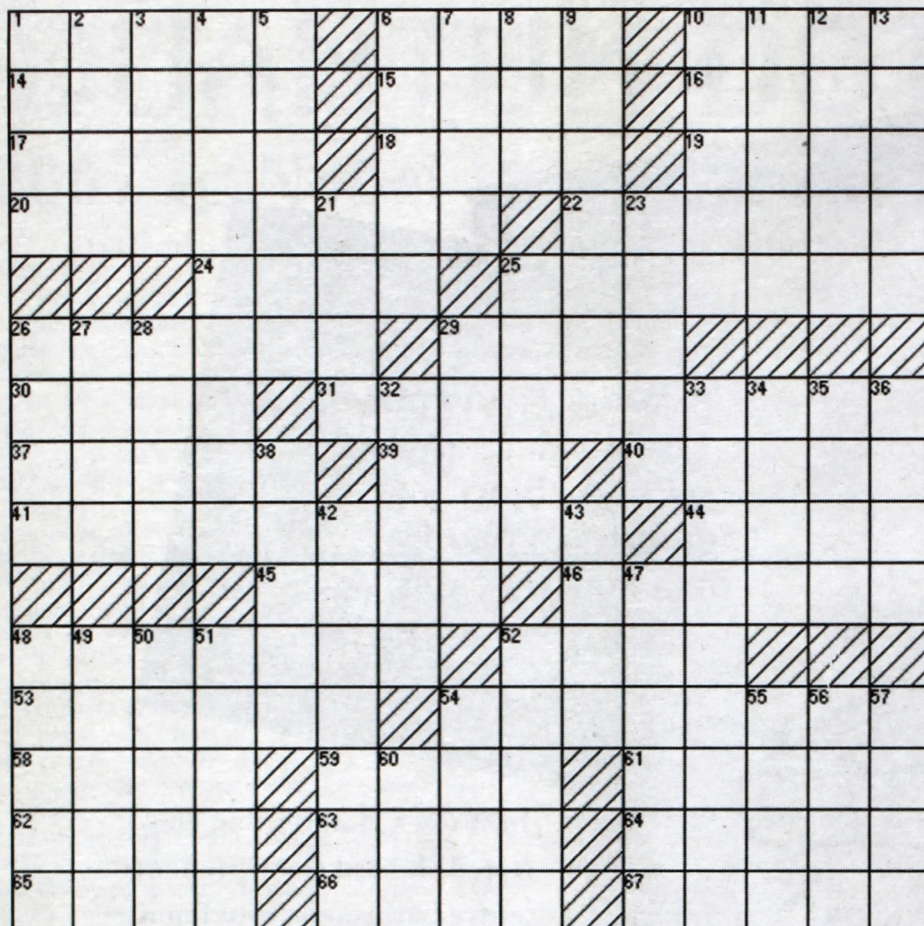
About Canadian Blood Services

Canadian Blood Services is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization that manages the blood supply in all provinces and territories outside of Quebec and oversees the country's Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry. A dedicated team of about 4,600 staff and 17,000 volunteers enable us to operate 40 permanent collection sites and more than 20,000 donor clinics annually.

Canadian Blood Services is a non-governmental organization, however the Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health provide operational funding, and the federal government, through Health Canada, is responsible for regulating the blood system.

For further information
contact:

Wanda Berton
Clinic Coordinator
Canadian Blood Services
(705) 688-7353



ACROSS

1. Bravery
6. Newts
10. Cook
14. Without companion-ship
15. District
16. A1
17. Waterproof canvas coverings
18. Wander
19. A connecting point
20. Erotic persuading
22. Practical
24. Hurries on foot
25. Braids
26. Occur
29. Scorch
30. Margarine
31. Gives up ones life
37. Rental agreement
39. A potent estrogen
40. Partake of cigarettes
41. Ascertains
44. Fruit-filled desserts
45. Require
46. Planets
48. Mesa
52. Wainscot
53. Badger

DOWN

54. Recall
58. Expert flyers
59. Weaving machine
61. Barrel plug
62. Oceans
63. Prefix indicating "Within"
64. Ancient upright stone slab
65. Nature of being
66. Spotted
67. Pertaining to hearing

DOWN

1. Tubs
2. Wings
3. A titled peer
4. Deliberate (2 words)
5. Save from harm
6. Acquires deservedly
7. An amphibian
8. Earl Grey or orange pekoe, for example
9. Japanese warrior
10. Walking sticks
11. Horses feet
12. Empower
13. Experiences

23. Thralls
25. To the point
26. Grasp
27. Downwind
28. Partially decayed vegetable matter
29. Surge
32. Farewell
33. Spur-of-the-moment
34. Spiral
35. Supplemented with difficulty
36. Dried hemp leaves
38. Sea eagles
42. A childhood disease
43. Backstroked
47. City in south central Ukraine
48. A stage
49. They tie up shoes
50. Regions
51. A piece of armor to protect thighs
52. Devil
54. Travelled on a horse
55. A coffin stand
56. Singer Fitzgerald
57. Bobbin
60. Half of two



4th Annual
SPAD/SGA

Grey Cup Party

Sunday November 25th

Huntington Social Centre



Prizes

- Signed Argos Flag
- Signed CFL Jerseys
- 20" Color T.V.
- MP3 Player
- And MANY More!

Tickets:

- \$5 in Advance
- \$7 @ the Door



Doors open 5:30 pm
Kick off at 6:00 pm



All Ages Licensed Event
Everyone receives a gift

